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INDO JAPAN DEFENCE TALKS
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the progress made in Indo-Japanese talks on defence cooperation since May, 2006;

(b) the number of such talks held and the success achieved therein during the said period;and

(c) the steps taken to actively pursue Indo-Japanese cooperation in defence sector?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

(a) to (c): Consequent upon the visit of Raksha Mantri to Japan in May 2006, the inaugural Defence Policy Dialogue was held in Tokyo in April, 2007. Besides, as a part of our ongoing security dialogue the 5th Comprehensive Security Dialogue alongwith the 4th Military to Military Talks, was held in Japan in February, 2008.

From Japanese side both Senior Vice Minister of Defence and Minister of Defence visited India during August 2007. Both sides are actively pursuing cooperation in the field of training, exchange of high level visits, participation in seminar and conferences etc. An Annual Calendar of Events including above mentioned activities has also been drawn.